COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION (Updated MAY 21, 2020)

All persons entering the Courthouse are required to wear a facemask/covering in accordance with District Court Standing Order 2020-14

Clerk's Office Operations

The Clerk's Office is open and operating under protocols to help <u>prevent the</u> spread of COVID-19.

File documents electronically and avoid coming to the courthouse.

- If you do not have an attorney, file your petition and any other documents by using our <u>Electronic Document Submission System</u>.
- File Proofs of Claim using the Electronic Proof of Claims (ePOC) system.
- Do not mail documents unless you cannot access the internet, EDSS, and/or ePOC.
 - Payments/fees should be mailed (do not mail cash, only a cashier's check or money order made payable to "Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court").
 - Bankruptcy forms are available <u>here</u>.

Courthouse Access

Avoid coming to the courthouse if possible. All court hearings will be conducted telephonically. All filings can be made <u>electronically</u>. Fees (see above) can be mailed. Questions can be directed to the Clerk's Office at 877-298-2053 or 888-531-9485.

In accordance with <u>District Court Standing Order 2020-14</u>, visitors to the Court, including vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and other members of the public, are required to wear a mask or face covering when in the common or public areas of the courthouse. Persons not wearing a mask may be denied entry to the Courthouse.

The following persons will not be allowed in the courthouse:

- anyone who has have traveled from an area with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice
- anyone who resides or has had close contact with someone who has traveled to a Level 3 area in the last 14 days;

- anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency;
- anyone who has been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Hearings/Trials:

Pursuant to Court Order (20-mp-04):

- All hearings will be held telephonically unless directed otherwise by the presiding judge.
- All evidentiary hearings and trials presently scheduled through June 30, 2020 are continued for 28 days.
- Any party seeking a continuance must seek consent from all other parties to the hearing before submitting a request to the Court.
- Information on telephonic hearings is available here.

Motions to Dismiss/Relief from the Automatic Stay

No case will be dismissed (including cases subject to a stipulation or certificate of default) without a hearing before the Court.

No motions for relief from the automatic stay will be granted without a hearing before the Court.

Motions to dismiss or from relief from the automatic stay must be noticed as "Hearing Required" (and not "Semi-Passive").

341 Meetings

The United States Trustee has issued the following <u>notices</u> regarding 341 meetings. You may receive instructions concerning alternative arrangements for a 341 meeting (e.g. telephonic or video meeting) from the United States Trustee or the assigned case trustee.